

Thi saa har Gud elsket
Verden, at han gav sin
Søn, den enbaarne, for at
hver den som tror paa
ham, ikke skal fortabes,
men have evigt Liv.

HYR DEN

“JEG ER DEN GODE HYRDE.” — Joh. 10. 11.

Haugen, Rev. A. K.
decks

Den som tror paa ham,
bliver ikke dømt; den som
ikke tror, er allerede dømt,
fordi han ikke har troet
paa Guds enbaarne Søns
Navn.

18de aargang.

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Søndag septuagesima I GUDS HAVE

Evangelium: Matt. 20, 1—16.

Ti mmelens rike er lik en husbonde, som gik ut tidlig om morgenen for at leie arbeidere til sin vingaard. Og da han var blit enig med arbeiderne om en penning om dagen, sendte han dem bort til sin vingaard.

Og han gik ut ved den tredje time og saa andre staa ledige paa torvet, og til dem sa han: gaa ogsaa I bort i min vingaard, og hvad ret er, vil jeg gi eder. Og de gik avsted.

Atter gik han ut ved den sjette og niende time og gjorde likesaa. Og han gik ut ved den ellevte time og fandt andre staaende der, og han sa til dem: hvorfor staar I her ledige hele dagen? De sa til ham: fordi ingen har leiet os. Han sa til dem: gaa ogsaa I bort til vingaarden!

Men da det var blit aften, sa vingardens herre til sin forvalter: Kald arbeiderne frem og gi dem deres løn! Begynd med de sidste og end med de første!

Saa kom de, som var leiet ved den ellevte time, og de fik hver sin penning. Men da de første kom, tænkte de, at de skulde faa mere; men de fik hver sin penning, de ogsaa. Men da de fik den, knurret de mot husbonden og sa: disse sidste har bare været her en time, og du har gjort dem like med os, som har baaret dagens byrde og hete.

Men han svarte en av dem og sa: Min ven! jeg gjør dig ikke uret. Blev du ikke enig med mig om en penning? Ta dit og gaa! Men jeg vil gi denne sidste likesaa meget som dig. Eller har jeg ikke lov til at gjøre med mit, hvad jeg vil? Eller er dit øie ondt, fordi jeg er god?

Saaledes skal de sidste bli de første, og de første de sidste. Ti mange er kaldt, men faa utvalgt.

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Det største arbeide som er sat igang paa vor klode er planlagt og grundlagt av Jesus. Han leder endnu arbeidet og har lovet at han ikke gir sig før det er færdig. Hans foretagende er intet mindre end dette: at bringe himmelen ned paa jorden. Oprette Guds rike paa jorden, kaldte han det oftest. I teksten idag kalder han det Guds haveanlæg paa jord.

Menneskets liv paa jorden begynte i Guds have. Men synden gjorde vor jord til et morads av torn og tidsel og syndens ukrud av alle slag. Skulde der igjen bli en Guds have paa jord med Guds plantning og liv, da maatte den våtes med Guds eget blod. Det er dyr eiendom! At maatte kjøpe sig haveplads med sit eget blod!

Den kostbareste jordbund vilde han ha: menneskehjertene, hvor synden hadde herjet værst. Her skulde Guds have faa sine herligste plantninger.

Det er en frydefuld tanke for mig at Jesus skal gjøre den ved synden forbandede slegt og forbandede jord til en Guds have igjen. At han ikke stanser, før den nye jord staar der som Guds fuldkomne have, bugnende fuld av fuldmoden frugt.

Men endnu er haven paa den gamle jord. Og jeg fyldest med tak og lovsang ved tanken paa at der er en Guds have her, og at jeg med mit lille liv faar staa plantet indenfor denne haves guddommelige hegn. For det første dette at jeg er under Jesu beskyttelse. Han værner sine vekster. Mit liv skal lykkes. Jeg skal faa bære frugt, ogsaa jeg. For det andet at jeg er under Jesu daglige tilsyn. Han leder sin plantnings vekst. Han vander, gjøder og beskjærer. For en lykke at leve sit liv i Guds have! Plantet i Golgatas hellige jord, med himmelens regn og naadens sol over sit livs hjerteblad!

Og rundt omkring ser vi smaa og store plantninger i Guds have. Gaa forsiktig, min ven, i Guds have. For hvert skritt støter du paa plantninger av Gud. Træd ikke paa nogen av de smaa vekster. Især maa du være forsiktig, hvis du har vokset dig høi og stor i Guds have. Da har du vanskelig for at se de smaa. Du er saa

Da sangen for Herren begynte.

Vi leser i 2 Krøn. 29 om hvorledes den gudfryktige kong Esekias gjenoprettet den sanne gudsyndelse blandt folket. Den var blitt ødelagt blandt annet av ugudelige konger og ikke minst av Esekias' far Akas.

Esekias rensset templet, satte lampene i stand igjen og alle redskaper til gudstjenestelig bruk. Han fikk ogsaa ofringene i gang igjen. Han blev ved Guds naade et middel til en bølge av begeistring og vekelse i folket.

Saa leser vi i vers 27 og 28: “Saa bød Esekias aa ofre brennofferet paa alteret; og paa samme tid som ofringen begynte, begynte ogsaa sangen for Herren og trompetene a lyde, ledsaget av Davids, Israels konges instrumenter. Og hele menigheten kastet sig ned mens sangen lød og trompetene klang, og alt dette varte til ofringen var til ende.”

Paa samme tid som ofringen begynte, begynte ogsaa sangen for Herren, staar det.

Mon det ikke ligger en dypere mening i dette, enn at det bare var en slik forordning? Er det ikke uttrykk for et evig prinsipp eller grunnsetning angaaende sann gudsfrykt dette, at naar ofringen begynner, saa begynner lovsangen til Gud i hjertene?

Brennofferet i den gamle pakt er et forbilledt særlig paa selvhengivelsens offer i den nye pakt. Som Paulus sier i Rom. 12, 1: “Jeg formaner eder altsaa, brødre, ved Guds miskunn, at I fremstiller eders legemer som et levende, hellig, Gud velbehagelig offer.” Og heri er sikkert innbefattet ogsaa vaare eiendom, som egentlig er Guds eiendom og som vi bare er husholdere over.

Altsaa, naar det lykkes for Gud aa faa vekke og drage oss saaledes in til sig, at vi viser “troens lydighet” i aa ofre — hengi oss selv og det vi har til ham, som han vil, da skapes der lovsang til Gud i vaare hjerter —! Alt paa grunnlag av Kristi usigelige offer for oss!

Nu er det offerets tid. Skulde det ikke være gildt om det blev riktig mange som fikk en ny eller fornyet og forøket lovsang og takk til Gud i sine hjerter ved i lydighet aa “gi Gud hvad Guds er”? Vi ser gleden ved slikt offer i 1 Krøn. 29, 9 flg. Kanskje man attpaa vilde faa se sjeler ved korset flere steder, for “gleden i Herren er vaar styrke”, ogsaa naar det gjelder aa vinne sjeler for ham.

Og enda en ting: Naar offeret og gleden virkes slik i vaare hjerter, da blir det mere seier i vaart kristenliv innad og utad i tjenesten for Gud.

“Og straks de begynte med sine fryderop og lovsanger, lot Herren en flokk bakfra komme over Ammons barn, Moab og folket paa Se-irfjellet, som var kommet mot Juda, og de blev slaatt,” 2 Krøn. 20, 22. Dette taler for sig selv.

Gud la det lykkes slik for oss fremover!

—P. Bjerklie.

optat med dig og dit og med det arbeide i Guds rike som du har tat op, at du glemmer den lille udødelige sjæl du møter, og som venter litt hjelp, bare en liten haandsrækning av dig. Husk at du gaar i Guds have! Træk dine sko av. Bed Gud om et omsorgsfylt hjerte.

Kom la os kjærlig vandre
og lægge haand i haand,
og holde av hverandre
i dette trængsels land.
Som børn vi være maa,
paa veien ikke stride.
Guds engler ved vor side
som vore brødre gaa.
De sterkere de svage
skal hjelpe frem, vi saa
hverandre bære, drage
i kjærlig samlag maa.
Fremad da fort, enhver
sig selv for intet agte
men kun derefter tragte,
at Gud ham alting er!

TIL EVIG TID DEN SAMME

Nyaarsdagens episteltekt begynner med disse uforglemmelige ord: “Jesus Kristus er igaar og idag den samme, ja til evig tid.” Om vi bare til alle tider kunde holde det klart i vaar trosbevissthet!

Saa mange troende mennesker er tilbøielig til aa mene at alt var saa meget gildere igaar, d. v. s. i svunne dager. Ikke minst paa det aandelige omraade. Da var det aandelige kjemper paa jorden. Og praktisk talt alle troende var helstøpte kristne. Nu derimot er det bare halvhet hos alle — uten hos en bitte liten flok. Den gang, i fortidens igaar — var Guds Aand saa merkbart tilstede. Nu kjennes ikke Aandens glød — uten her og der. Nu er det praktisk talt ikke annet enn aandsfattigdom over alt.

Sant er det jo at der er forskjell paa tider i Guds menighet paa jord. Der er flod og der er ebbe i trosklarhet, vidneiver og trofasthet. Og der er tider med forholdsvis faa sanne kristne innefor den synlige kirke, og der er andre tider da livet pulserer varmere og friskere. Det kan ikke nektes at der er noe saant som op- og nedgang i kirkens trosliv.

Men det er ikke sant at alle velsignelsestider hører igaar til. Og slett ikke at grunnen for vaar tids virkelige eller formentlige aandsfattigdom skulde være den at Guds Hellige Aand ikke lenger er virksom blandt mennesker. Herren har selv sagt at han er med sine inntil verdens ende. Og det er gjennom Aandens virke at Jesus er iblandt oss. Følgelig er, efter Jesu løfte, Aanden fremdeles i verden. Det er først naar tiden ikke er mer, naar den endelige dom med paafølgende hel adskillelse mellem lysets barn og mørkets barn har funnet sted, at der blir en menneskeverden hvor Guds Aand ikke finnes.

Det som gjør at der paa jord vil finnes inntil tidens ende en kristen menighet, er dette at Jesus Kristus ved Aanden er i verden. Det betyr ikke at Jesus er i verdens aand, skikk og vesen; alt som er det sies i Skriften ikke aa være i verden, men av verden. Men det betyr at den aandskraft som heter Gud, aapenbart i Kristus og virksom ved den Hellige Aand, utøver ennu sin innflytelse paa menneskesinn; den virker paa hjertene og setter noe nytt, levende og omskapende i gang hvor som helst den kommer inn. Det er ikke tenkelig — og slett ikke skriftmessig aa tro — at denne aandskraft arbeider sporadisk, d. v. s. at den til sine tider virker kraftig og til andre tider svakt. Guds Aand søker utrettelig det fortapte, og leder til stadighet dem som gjennom den trange port er kommet inn paa den smale vei til livet.

Grunnen for op- og nedgang i aandelig liv blandt mennesker er altsaa ikke aa søke hos Gud. For saa sant som det er at Faderen og Sønnen er ett, saa sant er det at Jesus Kristus er den samme idag som igaar. Men grunnen ligger i det store, uhyggelige dyp som heter menneskehavet, og har sin dypeste aarsak i menneskehjertets ondskap og motstand mot Gud. Visstnok er “Naturens vanart” alltid den samme, men strømmingene i folkehavet er ikke alltid ens; som de skifter endres trykket paa sjelene. Det maa være dette skiftende trykk — i forbindelse med Guds allvise raad — som aarsaksmessig ligger bakom forskjellige tiders forskjellige aandelige innstilling. — “Men enda han hadde gjort saa mange tegn for deres øine, trodde de ikke paa ham. . . Og de kunde ikke tro, fordi Esaias har sagt: Han har blindet deres øine og forherdet deres hjerte, forat de ikke skal se med øinene, og forstaa med hjertet og omvende sig, saa jeg kunde læge dem.”

Men stort er det aa vite at gjennom Aanden er ennu iblandt oss han om hvem det staar at han er den samme idag som igaar, og at han blir den samme til evig tid.

Han som ved sin Aand kalte, samlet, oplyste og helliggjorde sig en menighet ut av syndere av samme slag som vaare dagers mennesker, han er i folkehavet enn. Og han gjør den samme gjerning. Han søker og kaller syndere som dig og mig, — som den eller de ufrelste hvis omvendelse

1941 — 1942

Av C. STENSRUD

Det gamle aaret det forsvandt
Det nye aaret det oprandt
midt iblandt miners, bombers, torpedoes aa
kanoners knald.

Satans kunst er ei forglemt
saa krigens harpe den er stemt
og sikkert lyde skal, til DENNE VER-
DENS KLOKE staar for fald.

Det gamle aaret det var slikt
(Det nye aaret det blir likt)
at verden tenkte mest paa krig of fiendens feltog.

Det vil holde ved forvist
men folk vil vaagne op til sist
det er DE KLOKE FOLK, som laa saa
godt paa tørre bein aa gnog.

Naar Jesus kommer frem i sky
de sande vil det ord paany
“naar blind skal lede blind de falder alle
udi grav”

FOR SENT, FOR SENT, ganske vist
de maa bøe kne tilsidst
for ham som led aa døde uforskyldt, ja
ham som livet gav.

Betenk dog ven din syndeskyld
staa frem paa jord aa hannem hyld
som livet gav, betalte hele verdens synd aa
skam.

Staa frem, staa frem nu idag
skild med VERDENS KLOKE lag,
Tiltrods for kanoners knald aa bombers
stygge smeld, hyld du ham.

Det nye aar det blir da godt
naar syndsforladels du har faat
naar du er vasket aa gjort ren i lammets
dyre blod.
Du faar tro at Gud er alt
Du faar tro at synd det gjaldt
naar verden er i krig idag, faar tro at
GUD er evig god.

Du da skal reisen klare hjem,
Du da skal sikkert komme frem
til den nye jord, som er evighedens paradys.
Nu han ber dig komme ud
ber dig blive Jesu brud
ber dig kjærligt stige op fra jordens mørke
taagedis.

vi ber om. Han er ennu den gode hyrden som leter inntil han finner. Og fordi han leter, er det idag samme mulighet for det tapte aa bli funnet som det var igaar. Vi nevner dette spesielt for de mange iblandt oss som gaar engstelige for sine kjære — unge menn i militæralderen —, ikke bare for deres legemlige sikkerhet, men spesielt for deres aandelige vel under forhold fulle av fristelser. Tro paa ham som søker idag med samme iver som igaar, — og hold du, efter hans eget paabud, flittig ved i bønn, og vær med i arbeidet for aa følge vaare mannskaper med livets ord.

Ta ogsaa i den forbindelse til hjertet forsikringen om at han blir alltid den samme. Som han ved Aanden i svunne tider har oplyst formørkede menneskehjeter om synd som fordømmer, og om naade som frikjenner, saa gjør han ennu. Og som han under prøvsomme tider der hører igaar til, har bevart sine fra fristelse og fall og i naade har reist dem op igjen saa mangen gang, saa opholder han sine i troen ennu idag. Og det vil han fortsettende gjøre.

For mange aar siden var det en mor som gikk i bekymring for at hennes sønn skulde komme bort fra Gud under “store” forhold i en ny og ansvarsfull stilling langt borte fra hjemmet. Da en medkristen spurte om det var hennes eller Herrens bevarende kraft det kom an paa, utbrøt hun: “Nu ser jeg det! Det er Herren det kommer an paa! Jesus Kristus er igaar og idag den samme, ja til evig tid.”

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C. Stensrud har sendt os et norsk digt. Vi siger ham tak. Ellers er det intet kommet ind til den norske del av Hyrden. Skall den norske del av Hyrden krympes ind? Hyrdens lesekrete faar svare paa dette spøragsmaal.

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Vi optrykker i dette nummer et indlegg, Troen i Hverdagslivet, fra Bymissioneren, Oslo 1935. Det er serskjilt den postilve side av dett indleg vi vilde faa dele med Hyrdens lesere. Troen indbefatter ogsaa livet som det daglig leves. Det er gjilt at faa tro at endog hverdagslivets vanlige strev kan helliges herren. De to sidste paragrafer kaster et helligt skjer ove hverdagslivets kaar. Kristentroen er meget praktisk.

Troen i hverdagslivet

Det staar et merkelig ord i Romerbrevet, det er i det fjortende kapitel, det 23. vers: *Alt som ikke er av tro er synd.* Naar dette ordet gaar op for oss i hele sitt verdige omfang og vi ærlig gaar inn under det, da virker det revolusjon i vaart liv. La oss stille vaare handlinger inn i lyset fra dette ord.

Vi er jo paa det rene med at vi gjør direkte syndige handlinger, aapenbare brudd paa det vi vet er Guds vilje. Gud Aand faar den ærlige til aa erkjenne daglig synd i tanker ord og gjerninger. Men dette ord peker videre.

Vi har arbeide og opgaver som vi ikke liker. Vi synes ikke det passer for oss, det medfører ubehageligheter. Men vi maa gjøre det, omstendighetene tvinger oss til aa gjøre det eller vi skjønner det vilde være ulydighet mot Gud aa gaa unda. Det kan være aa gaa til lite morsomme mennesker og være sammen med dem. Det kan være aa tale paa et møte. Det kan være aa gjøre et slitsomt arbeide i hjemmet. Det er en hel rekke slike større og mindre ting som de fleste mennesker nok gjør, men de er inderlig utilfreds og misfornøyd med at de er nødt til aa gjøre det.

Kan dette være synd — ting som en paa ingen maate gjør fordi en har lyst til det, men bare for aa gjøre sin plikt, ja være lydig mot Gud? Alt som ikke er av tro er synd.

Men det gaar enda videre dette ordet. De fleste mennesker gjør en hel del ting i dagliglivet rent mekanisk og vanemessig. Det er dette hverdagslige som fyller det meste av vaart liv, vaart arbeide i hjem, paa fabrikk, paa kontor, paa sjøen, paa jorden og hvor det naa kan være. Folk flest gjør dette sitt daglige arbeide noksaa fornøyd, d. v. s. de tenker ikke saa meget over det — det er mit arbeide, det faar jeg gjøre. saa godt jeg kan, det er hverken noe større sorg eller glede over det.

Kan slik være synd? Ja hvis det ikke gjøres i tro.

Enda er vi ikke ferdig. Vi staar rett som det er overfor valg. Velger vi paa egen haand efter vaar egen lyst, saa vet vi det er galt. Men kristne mennesker vil vite hvad Gud vil. De prøver aa bli klar over det. Tilsist bestemmer de sig. Men de er i tvil. Og rett som det er dukker det frem en tanke: Du skulde visst heller gjort det andre. De nages stadig av tvil om det naa var helt riktig dette her.

Men saa blir det ingen velsignelse over det. For det er ikke gjort i tro. Gjør alt uten knurr og tvil, sier Paulus.

Det finnes mennesker som reiser sig i protest mot dette. Vi kan da ikke gjøre alt til synd, sier de. Dette er overspent og helt umulig, det er imot all sund fornuft. Ja det kan synes slik. Men ordet baade kan og maa taes alvorlig.

Som kristne mennesker kaller vi oss troende, vi taler om troens liv. Det vil si at vi daglig faar tro at vi er Guds barn for Jesu skyld. Men troens liv omfatter mer, det omfatter hele vaart daglige liv, alle vaare tanker og ord og gjerninger. Lever vi tro? Er troen den drivende og bærende kraft i mitt liv fra innerst til ytterst?

Vi nevnte de ubehagelige plikter og opgaver. Gjør det uten knurr og tvil — gjør det i tro! Og alt det vanemessige — gjør det i bevisst tro paa at Gud vil det og har en mening med det! Og i vanskelige valg — har du valgt under Guds ledelse, saa tro og bryt alle broer av, gi ikke tvilen rum.

Men lar vi dette lys falle skarpt og klart over hele vaart liv, saa hender det naturligvis at vi stanser overfor enkelte tilfelle og sier: Nei dette er umulig aa gjøre i tro. Det kan ikke være Guds mening, det kan ikke være efter hans vilje.

Hvis vi da ikke vil falle i bevisst synd, maa vi a være aa gjøre det. Det er det forferdelige alvor som dette ord rummer naar vi vaager oss inn i lyset av det at hvis vi ikke handler i bevisst tro, saa gjør vi bevisst synd.

Saa kan det ikke undgaas at ordet blir oss til dom. Det er en dom over alt knurrende, motvillig kristenliv, over surhet og misnøje, over sløvt vanegjengeri, kortsagt over alt liv som ikke er stillet inn under Guds ledelse i glad og frigjort tjeneste. Det betyr en veldig utvidelse av syndsbe-grepet. Og det gaar like tilbunns i spørsmålet om jeg lever som en kristen eller ikke.

Men som alt Guds ord er det baade til dom og evangelium. For hvis jeg vandrer i lyset i daglig bekvemhet av den synd Gud overbeviser mig om, i daglig ubetinget overgivelse til ham, saa faar jeg ogsaa tro at jeg er der hvor han vil jeg skal være. Det er et veldig evangelium det at jeg faar lov til aa tro. — Det jager mismotet bort, det gir liv i alt det vanemessige. Ingenting blir smaatt og ubetydelig lenger, jeg faar tro at Gud har sin mening ogsaa i det jeg ikke forstaar. Livet blir meget tryggere og rikere enn jeg kunde ane.

Det er noe som heter troens strid. Det gjelder ogsaa i det vi her taler om. Men det er en god strid. Den som vaager sig inn i lyset av dette sterke ord, han skal faa erfare nye sider i den uendelige rikdom som troens liv er.

—T.

"Bare"

Faa ord i vaart sprog er saa misbrukt som det lille ord "bare" og faa er saa farlige.

Bare hvile mig en liten stund tenker den utmattede vandrør. Han setter sig i sneen — og sovner inn i døden.

Bare hvile mig litt tenker ørnen og setter kursen mot stenvarden og faar saksen om foten.

Bare spise nogen av de røde bærene tenker trosten og blir hengende i snaren.

Bare et glass tenker unggutten og ender som dranker.

Bare leke litt med synden og trekke sig tilbake i tide, tenker mennesket og vikles inn i syndens garn.

Var det ikke slik det gikk Eva, var det ikke slik det gikk David? Begynte ikke Judas med et bare? Bare laane litt av kassen i et knipetak og saa betale det tilbake senere. Og saa endte det med at han forraadte sin frelser for 30 sølvpenger.

De som sitter innenfor fengslets murer, begynte de ikke med et bare?

Bare, bare, bare! Menneske, ta dig iakt for dette farlige lille ord!

—L. F.

Bymissionæren Oslo —

ZION CHURCH of Saskatoon, B. O. Lokensgaard, pastor, broadcasts the forenoon service 11:00 a.m. February 8th. over CFQC.

Det skader ikke om du setter dig under alle de andre. Men det kan skade dig meget om du bare setter dig over en eneste en. —Thomas a Kempis.

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Receipts during 1941:	
Subscriptions	544.75
Gifts	73.84
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Total	761.69

Expenditures:	
Printing and mailing	547.50
Cuts for pictures	5.67
Editor's expense	7.28
Renewal notices	3.06
Wrappers	.71
Banking expense	2.81
Stamps	7.71
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Under-Shepherds	4.00
Total	579.95

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—Josef B. Haave.

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Eighteen more people will be reading Hyrden this year because some kind friend remembered them with a gift. Two of them are patients in Sanatoria. That was a fine thought. Hyrden is not too heavy a paper for someone to hold while on their back, and its good messages from God's Word are helpful to the seeker.

Here are the recipients of these gifts: Mrs. O Kvale in Central Alta. San. Calgary. Mrs. H. Bugge in Saskatoon San. Mrs. Oscar Torgerson, Fosston. Mrs. Harold Lee, Edmonton. Mrs. Krist Anholt, Glenside. Mrs. Lawrence Ulven, Strongfield. R.N.A.F. Little Norway. Mrs. Casper Johnson, Kinlock. Miss Thelma Grambo, Domremy. Mrs. O. C. Johnson, To-field. Mrs. Hans Halverson, Fosston. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Haek, Chicago. J. P. Goranson, Leroy. Mrs. G. E. Jorgenson, Swift Current. A. H. Tollerud, Austin, Minn. Mrs. M. Halvorson, Squamish, B.C. Mr. and Mrs. S. Fresvik, Star City. Mrs. Ted Halvorson, Squamish, B.C.

May you enjoy and get much blessing from the gift. Quite a few others have received gift subscriptions throughout the year. Please let me know in time if you would like to continue your subscription. You will find the expiry date on the address label. If you change your address during the year just drop me a postal card so we can keep these papers going to the right places. Mistakes will occur, but let us help to minimize them as much as possible.

Here's something interesting. Lundemo news in the "Camrose Canadian" lists the New Year visitors at a certain home. Five days afterwards here comes a Hyrden subscription from one of the visitors. Perhaps they were reading Hyrden in that Hyrden home. Thank you.

—Josef B. Haave.

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(Clip out and mail to Mr. Josef B. Haave, Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask.)

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FROM THE DISTRICT STEWARDSHIP SECRETARY

The Golden Gate of Opportunity

Ye have not passed this way heretofore (Josh. 3:4).

The New Year is a golden gate of opportunity. The children of Israel were just going to cross the Jordan and the message came to them: Ye have not passed this way heretofore.—We have not passed this New Year's way heretofore.—It was a new path to them,—a path that would try the stoutest hearts among them, but a path that would open up many possibilities for noble achievement. The ark, the symbol of God's presence was carried before them. God was their leader. He must be ours! If we accept Him as our guide in every path, if we will find that to us, rivers will open and we shall be led into a land of glorious promise.

The reason the ark was to be carried before the people of Israel was that they may know the way. It was a new way to them. "Ye have not passed this way heretofore".

We too are constantly coming to experience that which is altogether new to us. Indeed all life is in a sense new and strange. Every day's path is an untried one.

There are many special times in life when it can truly be said to us: Ye have not passed this way heretofore. It is so of youth and to every happy-hearted child the counsel well may come: Keep the ark always before you and keep in sight of it, for you have not passed this way heretofore. It is true when a young man goes out from his home to try the world for himself. It is true of the young woman who steps forth from her father's home to go to the marriage altar. It is true when we are called to meet our first great sorrow. It is true when we enter upon our first serious responsibility in life. It is true when we are going into the valley of the shadow of death. But we wish to apply this truth especially to the opening of the year 1942.

The New Year is a golden gate of opportunity in giving us a new chance for coming into contact with Christ. In it we may learn to know Him better than ever before. We may walk with Him and talk with Him and dwell "in the secret of His presence" as never before, if we will embrace the opportunities for fellowship and growth in grace the New Year brings.

The New Year is a golden opportunity to appropriate Christ as never before, to make Him "soul of our soul and life of our life." Christianity is personal. It is union with Christ. "I am the vine, ye are the branches." It is a vital union. It is a union which gives us the power to assimilate His life, to reproduce His character, and to display in some degree all the graces He displayed.

The New Year is a golden gate of opportunity for service in the Kingdom. Our church has a tremendous task to perform and a great responsibility in building the Kingdom at home and abroad. During these testing times our church is faced with greater responsibilities. "Quit you like men, be strong." "Work for the night is coming." —B.

Begin Early!

The year 1942 is a "Golden Gate of Opportunity" for our church in Canada. With this issue of Hyrden our opportunity for supporting the cause of Missions through the budget will be soon a thing of the past for 1941. The records will then tell the story of how we discharged our stewardship responsibilities.

Again we wish to remind the congregations to begin early. Perhaps here lies the biggest reason for an over-the-top contribution. One congregation using no particular plan for the ingathering sent in only \$9.00 in 1939. With the Penny-a-meal boxes this same congregation sent in \$69.00 in 1940, and \$79.00 in 1941 One parish using the boxes gathered by Easter, \$316.00 in 1940 and \$359.00 in 1941. Another congregation, reported in the first January issue, through a well-planned Mission Festival laid \$203.00 on the altar. Use some plan—but above all, begin early. Boxes may be had by writing to the District Stewardship Secretary, Pastor A. M. Vinge, Ryley, Alberta. Boxes are to be given out Ash Wednesday, February 18th. 1942.

Let none hear you idly saying
There is nothing I can do
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.

—V.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is not judged; he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Second Nr. in January 1942.

PLEASE SEND US:

1. News from the Field.
2. Helpful, brief articles.
3. All material type written double spaced.

The Bethany Sunset Home Bawlf, Alberta

January 6—42.

Rev. A. M. Vinge.
Ryley, Alberta.

Dear Pastor and Editor of the Hyrden!—

I wish you Gods Blessing in the new field of work.

In behalf of the Bethany Sunset Home, I wish al the Pastors, Ladies Aids, L.D.R. and individual friends of the Home, A Blessed and Happy New Year, and sincere thanks for the fine support during the past year.

My sincere thanks also to the staff of the Hyrden for the willingness of furthering the interest of the Home.

I am enclosing the list of gifts and Cash and in Natura, which has been received since the last report in the Hyrden. If some names should be left out, please overlook the mistake. I can assure you it was not done purposely.

Rev. Tandberg came to the Home Dec. 28, and we are happy to have him here. He had been at the hospital in Kinistino, Sask., for three weeks and was very frail when he arrived and happy to report he is improving.

On behalf of the men that lost their possessions in the fire, we wish to acknowledge with thanks, the help The Bawlf Mission Aid rendered. Also to individual friends, for second hand clothing given the men.

With kindest greetings and thanks to one and all from the Bethany Home Family.

Yours in the service.

Marie Weiks.

ARMENA, ALTA. — Scandia L.D.R. Rev. Rude Pastor \$3.00; Scandia Ladies Aid, Rev. Rude Pastor \$10.00.

BAWLF, ALTA. — Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Olesberg, donation \$2.00; Mrs. L. Bergquist, in memory of her Husband (Building fund) \$25.00; Bawlf L.D.R., Rev. A. K. Odland Pastor (Building Fund) \$5.00; Mrs. Gust Olson, donation \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. C. Clevan and Family, Mr. and Mrs. O Melby, Lenard and Olga. In memory of Sam Johnson. (To the men who lost their possessions in the fire \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. L. Forre and family in memory of Mrs. N. Norman \$1.00.

BIRCH HILLS, SASK. — Birch Hills Ladies Aid, Rev. Lerseth, Pastor \$4.25; Mrs. T. Peterson \$3.00.

BRODERICK, SASK. — Mr. and Mrs. C. Vestre and family and Mrs. O. Peterson, in memory of Mrs. S. D. Dahl, sent in by Rev. Evenson \$2.00.

BROMHEAD, SASK. — Lydia Ladies Aid \$5.00.

CALGARY, ALTA. — Mr. and Mrs. O. Kirkwold \$10.00.

CLARESHOLM, ALTA. — Mrs. Christenson (Mission Box) \$2.26.

EDBERG, ALTA. — Rosebush L. A. (Building Fund) \$10.00; In memory of Charlie Thorson, Caroline Thorson, Adolph Roen and M. Nestrom. (bldg Fund) From Edberg L. A. \$15.00.

EDMONTON, ALTA. — From Mrs. V. Lorensen, M. K. Nelson, Miss M. Lee in memory of Signa Holter of Elk Point sent in by Rev. Wessel \$5.00.

ENCHANT, ALTA. — Ibbestad Ladies Aid, Rev. E. O. Walker Pastor \$10.00.

ESTEVAN, SASK. — Mr. J. E. Marken, donation \$6.00.

FARWELL, MINN. — M. and Mrs. W. Anderson \$11.00.

HOLDEN, ALTA. — Zion L. A. Rev. A. K. Odland, Pastor (Bldg. Fund) \$10.00; From Carl, Kathrine Peter, Lena Sorenson. In memory of Sam Johnson \$3.95; From Mrs. E. Ferdam, and Emma Towler \$1.00; from Mr. and Mrs. G. Bruce, Albert and Evelyn \$1.00; Lily H. Christenson in memory of Martha Elizebeth Davis \$2.75. In memory of Ole Rasmunson, from O. Nestrom Mr. and Orness, Ivar Oddie and Peter Oddie, sent in by Rev. Peterson \$7.00

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor, glad to do Thy will.

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy; and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties; preserve our unity; fashhion into one happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, to the end that there be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law we show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—From the Service Prayer Book.

LOUGHEED, ALTA. — L.D.R. Rev. J. B. Stolee \$6.00.

MOSSBANK, SASK. — Greenbay Lad. Aid, donation \$5.00.

MOOSE JAW, SASK. — Rev. and Mrs. V. A. Jensen \$5.00.

OHATON, ALTA. — Trondhjem L.A. Rev. Vinge Pastor \$10.00; From Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce, Alberta, Ivar, Olaf, Ingvald Bruce in memory of Mrs. N. Norman \$5.00.

ROLLA, B.C. — North Rollo L.A. in memory of A. Nordlander \$5.00.

ROSEVALLEY, SASK. — Zion Ladies Aid \$10.00.

SASKATOON, SASK. — Zion Ladies Aid, Rev. B. O. Lokensgard, Pastor \$10.00.

STRONGFIELD, SASK. — Mr. L. Broom \$5.00.

SEGEWICK, ALTA. — Bethany L.A., Rev. J. B. Stolee, Pastor (Bldg. Fund) \$25.00.

TOFIELD, ALTA. — Mrs. Rorem (Bldg. Fund) \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hagen (Bldg. Fund) \$5.60; Amisk Ladies Aid, Rev. Vinge, Pastor \$5.00.

TORQUAY, SASK. — Rev. A. K. Haugen, Pastor, Mr. L. Knutson, donation \$2.; Trinity Ladies Aid \$10.00.

VALLEY PARK, SASK. — Valley Park Ladies Aid \$1.00; Mr. Herman Dalhen \$5.00.

VICEROY, SASK. — St. Olaf Ladies Aid \$5.00.

VIKING, ALTA. — Mrs. H. Hagenson \$2.00.

WETASKIWIN, ALTA. — In memory of Mrs. Boyd by Mrs. C. Hagerude, Fred Dedrickson \$1.50.

WINNIPEG, MAN. — L.D.R., Rev. Aandal Pastor \$2.50.

WITTENBERG, WIS. — Anna Rynard \$10.00.

GIFTS IN NATURA.

BAWLF, ALTA. — Mrs. M. Johnson, Chickens. Mrs. O. Loken Flotegrøt, lefse, for old Folks. Mrs. L. Bergquist apples, 2 lbs., prunes 5 lbs, cookies 2 pkgs. and candy. Mr. and Mrs. O. Olesberg, 2 men's Ties. Mrs. Erickson, Melvin and Arthur, 1 box of apples. Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Egen, 10 lbs. of grapes and 1 bag of oranges. Mr. and Mrs. O. Kragstad, Bath towels. Rogness Bros., Apples 1 box. Mr. and Mrs. A. Peterson Cream for flotegrøt 6 qts. Mosand Family Lefse and eggs 15 dozen. Mr. and Mrs. P. Bergquist Eggs 12 dozen. Harold Olson and Family Flat bread, Sand Bakels and a good supply of meat. Bawlf Hardware, one large Turkey. Wetterberg Ltd., apples 1 box. Manda Olson, Candy 5 lbs. Leiren Family, Loaf sugar 25 lbs.

BARDO, ALTA. — Rev. Vinge, Pastor, Ladies Aid, Mrs. M. Haugen, several lbs. of Lard, home made Prim. Mr. P. B. Anderson, several doz. Cookies. Mrs. G. Loken, 1 quart Preserves. Mrs. Foshang, Ladies nightgown 1. Mrs. H. Jensen, Mrs. M. Erickson, Mrs. R. Heiberg, and Mrs. A. Haukedal, 2 Flannel Sheets. S. Lerbeckmo and Alice Finseth, 1 Tea cloth. O. Foshang and Mable Johnson, 2 Towels, 1 pr. pillow cassettes, 1 tea cloth, 5 towels. Bardo Ladies Aid, several boxes of home made Candy.

BRANCEPETH, SASK. — Lake Park L.D.R., Rev. Tandberg, Pastor, several lbs. of loaf sugar.

CALGARY, ALTA. — L.D.R. Rev. Saugen Pastor, 5 lbs of candy.

CAMROSE, ALTA. — Mrs. Lingjerde, 1 can of preserves and several lbs. of Cookies. Gift collected by Mrs. Sorhus: 2 bath towles, 1 lb. candy, 2 lbs. dried prunes, 2 lbs. dried apples, 4 quarts of canned Vegetables and 1 quart of fruit.

ENCHANT, ALTA. — Mrs. Otteson and Nicolena, 1 turkey and large amount of pork.

GRANUM, ALTA. — Luth. Ladies Aid, 1 Quilt.

HAGEN, SASK. — Rev. Lerseth, Pastor, Saron Ladies Aid, Mrs. Hagen, 3 wash cloths. Mrs. P. J. Hetland, 5 pillow cases, 2 bath towels, 3 pr. pillow cases. Mr. and Mrs. Berg, 8 men's handkercheifs and 1 pr. of emb. pillow cases, 1 bath towel. Ladies Aid, 1 quilt from 10 members.

HOLDEN, ALTA. — Zion Cong., Rev. Odland Pastor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gunderson, 2 bath towels. Mrs. Bratrud, 3 lbs. butter. Mr. and Mrs. Huseby, 1 pr. of pillow cases.

IRON CREEK, SASK. — V.P.W.A. local No. 51, 1 Auto robe. Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson, 1 bath towel and 1 wash cloth.

MEDSTED, SASK. — Signe Rodels vedt, 1 pr. men's socks, 1 pr. Men's mitts.

METISKOW, ALTA. — Mrs. R. Johnson, and Mrs. Quickstead, 2 bath towels and 1 pr. pillow cases.

MOSSBANK, SASK. — Lake Johnson Lutheran Ladies Aid, 1 quilt.

ROSE VALLEY, SASK. — Zion Luth. Ladies Aid Mrs. G. Boebas, 2 bath towels. Mrs. O. Sorenson, 1 bath towel, 2 pr. Men's Hose and 2 dresser scarfs. Mrs. O. B. Nordstrom, 1 dresser scarf, 2 bath towels, 2 Ladies Hankies.

SEGEWICK, ALTA. — L.D.R. 2 sacks of Vegetables and 3 quarts canned fruit.

TORQUAY, SASK. — Mrs. A. H. Tenold, a fine selection of second hand clothing.

VALLEY PARK, SASK. — Ladies Aid. Mrs. A. Torgerson, 1 pr. Men's woolen Hose and 1 pkg. of tobacco. Mrs. E. Dablem, 1 pr. Men's woolen Hose. Mrs. H. Dableum, 1 pr. Men's woolen Hose. Mrs. S. Erickson, 1 pr. Men's woolen Hose. Mrs. A. Dableum, 1 Apron. Mrs. Olga Dableum, 1 Apron and 3 Ladies Hankies. Mrs. L. Erickson, 1 Apron. Mrs. H. Dableum, 1 flannel gown. Mrs. R. H. Punkorton, 1 pr. Woolen Hose.

VIKING, ALTA. — Rev. J. B. Stolee, Pastor, Mrs. H. Hagenson dresser scarf. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Thompson, 1 pr. pillow cases.

WATROUS, SASK. — Luth. Ladies Aid 1 quilt.

WELDON, SASK. — Rev. J. Tandberg, Pastor. South Branch L.A., 2 lbs. peppermint. Mrs. W. Hanson, Mrs. Applestand Sorbong Christopherson H. Johnson. M. Hanson, 1 white bedspread. Mrs. S. Lindgren, 1 bath towel. Mrs. N. Frostad, 1 box of Home made cookies. Mrs. B. J. Frostad, 1 pr. Bedroom slippers. Mrs. Arnon, 1 bath towel.

WETASKIWIN, ALTA. — Rev. Kandal, Pastor, Dr. Gulickson, 1 gal. of tomato juice and 4 cans of apple juice. Rev. and Mrs. Kandal, 1 qt. of canned fruit and 2 qts. of preserves. Mrs. J. Moen, 1 box of oranges. Ladies Aid, 7 bath towels, 14 wash cloths, 5 bars toilet soap, 2 aprons, 5 pillow cases, 4 dish towels, 2 Flannel Sheets, 2 roller towels, 1 men's union suits. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, 1 can preserves and 1 bath towel.

Wang Ladies Aid., Rev. Kandal, Pastor, Mrs. B. Kvien Millet, a small woolen blanket. Mr. and Mrs. C. Leicht, 1 bath towel and 1 wash cloth. Mrs. C. Hagenrude, 1 pr. men's woolen Hose. Mrs. A. Jevne, 1 dresser scarf. Mrs. T. Jevne, 1, wash cloth. Mrs. T. B. Jevne, 1 bath towel. Mrs. A. Johnson, 1 bath towel.

Booth Fisheries, Winnipeg, Man., 100 lb. of Lutefish.

News from Saskatoon, Sask.

Sunday, December 28th, the Ladies Aid of Zion Church entertained members and friends in the Church parlors after the evening service, at a Christmas social.

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The Sunday School Program was held Tuesday evening December 23rd. The Primary Department presented their songs and recitations, after which a Pageant, "The Star Lighted Path" was given by the Junior Department. A special gift offering was taken up.

Our Sunday School has been steadily growing and we now have an enrolment of over seventy. By Spring we hope to have it over one hundred.

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The new Executive of the L.D.R. entertained members and friends at a New Year's party December 30th.

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The Luther League took charge of the evening service Sunday, January 11th during the absence of the Pastor. Student Marvin Odland delivered the sermon.

The Luther League is meeting regularly and has a growing membership.

—Myrtle Engelstad.

For Hyrden.

Rev. Gerhard Aarestad, Bigfork, Mont., has accepted call to Parkside, Sask. Rev. Aarestad will begin work at Parkside in June. The parkside charge is at present served by Mr. Soren Fengstad.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

It is encouraging to note that the hard and often discouraging work of the home mission pastor is being appreciated by our church people. In December the Junior Luther League, the Ruth Auxiliary and the Aarestad Auxiliary of the Ladies Aid of Bethlehem Congregation, Morris, Ill., Rev. A. L. Abrahamson pastor, sent \$50.00 for Christmas gifts to home mission pastors.

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A WORKING PLAN

Throug the Penny-a-meal plan, our church has provided a special way of giving during Lent, that is within reach of all.

The plan is to have a Penny-a-meal container placed in every home in our church. This is to be placed on Ash Wednesday and during the forty six days of Lent each member of the family is to place a penny or more in the container at every meal.

The purpose of this offering? To support our schools, our missionaries at home and abroad, our Children's Homes and Homes for the Aged, to support the unfortunate and the poor. This is the purpose of this Lenten Thank-offering.

A. J. Bergsaker

Stewardship Secretary.

The executive committee of the district YPLL met at Ryley, Alberta Saturday, January 3. Our hospitable hosts were president and Mrs. Vinge and family. The chief consideration before the committee was the formulation of plans for the district convention to be held this summer. A more detailed report by our secretary, Miss Myrtle Englestad, is found in this department. Another decision of interest to our Leaguers is reported in the following news item.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Mrs. J. R. Lavik, Editor, — Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask.

I can do all things through Christ
which strengtheneth me.

Phil. 4—13.

*I can do all things, or bear
All sufferings, if my Lord be there;
Sweet pleasure mingles with the pains,
While His right hand my head sustains*

My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ. Phil. 4—13.

Broadcasting Good Seed
Near Home.

(Paper given at the So. Alberta Circuit Meeting by Mrs. Skippen, Calgary.)

I. By Tracts. — II. By Good Books.

So many of our people have no time, or think they have no time, for reading religious books. The radio atmosphere is not conducive to meditative reading. So many of our people these days are so busy making a living or having a good time that there is little or no taste for spiritual and eternal values. There is little spiritual appetite. The church service is beyond their interest. The reading of God's Word is a tedious task. The quiet hour of devotion is almost unknown. If we can put the Word of God into their hands in a form that is attractive, instructive and inspiring, and so brief that it can be read in a few minutes, even the most preoccupied and indifferent may read.

Our first task, clearly, is to create a taste for the Bread of Life. Suppose we employ the method used by the wide-awake merchant down the street. How does he go about creating a demand for his goods? He distributes freely sample packages of the food product he wishes to sell. The people taste it. They like it. Then they go to the store to buy in larger quantities. Through the distribution of booklets and tracts we may reach the disinterested and unchurched with samples, as it were, of the Bread of Life. May we not hope that many will taste and see that this spiritual food is good, and so come to church for more? The world of business and politics knows the power of the printed word in brief form. In the city we find stores sending out or leaving at your door handbills and circulars telling you what they have for sale. Then again near election time handbills appear trying to influence us to vote for certain candidates. These are but secular tracts, but these silent messengers have a great influence. How they tend to mold our ideas and decide our actions! Since these small leaflets dealing with material things wield such influence, what must not be the influence of the brief pages bearing sacred messages from the Word of God?

Every christian may find work in the distribution of tracts. Then too, there is the other side: that of providing money for the publication of the tracts by the Book Mission. Here is a suggestion: Place a tract rack in a convenient place in your church, keep it filled with tracts and see how they disappear. A coin box could be placed near by. Tracts can be used in ministering to the aged and shut-ins, the sick and sorrowing, the troubled and distressed. There may be a new neighbor with no church connections. He will read a little tract tactfully handed him, and that will set him thinking. More often than we realize, men and women are won for Christ and Christian service by a little tract placed in the hand at the right moment.

But are the tracts scattered abroad read? you may ask. Not all to be sure. Not every message finds response in human hearts. Nor does every sermon preached nor every Sunday School lesson taught bear the desired result. But we do not stop preaching and teaching for that. From the Book Mission we learn that souls are saved through tracts and booklets. Many men and women have written in thanking for help received from tracts. Thus we come to the conclusion that through the use of tracts we may broadcast good seed near home.

Another method of broadcasting good seed is by the use of good books. We may begin right at home with our children.

They get their Sunday School training with well-planned lessons but this is not enough. Little children love stories whether read or told. You may ask what you are to read to the children. The W.M.F. book list offers suggestions.

We should build a background of Bible stories and Bible heroes for our little ones through books such as Hurlbut's "Story of the Bible", Egermeir's "Bible Story Book", and Hurlbut's "Life of Christ". Early the child should be given his own Testament or Bible and plan his own time for reading. Bible verses and religious poetry should be learned. The Reading List gives books suitable for children.

Mothers who are concerned about what they might do to, not only better their own lives, but the lives of their children may find great help in "Faith and Fear in Child Training" by Eggleston, and "The Fine Art of Motherhood" by Robertson.

We now come to the young people. The leading book on the list is the Bible which should be read and studied. (In our Calgary church we have a Bible Class that meets once a week).

There is today so much demoralizing reading matter around us and it is even getting into the most carefully guarded christian homes. We seem to be powerless to stem this tide at its source, but can we not do something to counteract its effect? By bright colors, suggestive pictures and flaming headlines, the news-stands scream their invitations to read this soul-demoralizing stuff. More than 300 filthy magazines are published in the United States. More than 100 such magazines published in the United States are banned in Canada. The most effective preventative must be the cultivation of taste for good, clean, wholesome reading. Here we come to the church library which should provide and make available plenty of such worthwhile material. I see no reason why the Ladies' Aid, Luther League, and Sunday School should not all contribute to the building of a good library. It cannot be done all at one time but from year to year the library should grow. Book reviews could form a short part of the Young People's program.

Our church papers should be in every church library. These papers, kept on file, furnish a storehouse of material on topics which may be asked for in Luther League work.

Then might all of us as individuals or as groups do more reading and studying of the Bible and also of books that would deepen our personal, spiritual lives. We possibly will have to sacrifice some of our worldly reading in order to find time, but such a sacrifice will bring to us such large returns that it will turn out to be an investment instead.

Some good books glow with a quiet radiance that soothes one in an hour of fretting over perishing things. Some are like John the Baptist, burning and shining lights on the path to Christ and salvation. Others make our spirit burn with hope, love, devotion, courage and endeavor. Each good book has its place and value. Are such books on our shelves?

*"You may have tangible wealth untold,
Casket of jewels and coffers of gold,
Richer than I you never can be,
I had a mother who read to me."*

The Southern Alberta W.M.F.
Meeting.

The W.M.F. held their meeting in connection with the Southern Alberta circuit meeting at Calgary, November 7th, 8th and 9th.

The meeting was opened by the singing of hymn 44, Luth. Hymary, after which Mrs. Lind led in devotion. After the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report, a nominating committee of three was elected. The following officers and department secretaries from the staff for the year: Pres. — Mrs. R. Berg, Claresholm. Vice-pres. — Mrs. E. Nelson, Granum. Sec-treas. — Mrs. A. Lind, Granum. Mission Box Secretary — Mrs. Enbysk, Granum. Thankoffering — Mrs. M. Berg, Claresholm. Cradle Roll — Mrs. Skippen, Calgary. Historian — Mrs. Saugen, Calgary.

A hymn was sung, followed by the report of the Mission Box, Thankoffering, and Cradle Roll secretaries.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever... Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name." (Heb. 13:8, 15)

He bore my sins on the tree. Now He ever lives to make intercession for me.

He gives me rest from my burdens and cares. Yes, He the almighty One, is ever with me in my weakness.

He has prepared for me an abiding home in glory, and will someday welcome me into that glory.

Should not my lips praise Him? Should not yours?

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Another year is dawning!

Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee!

Another year of leaning,
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deep'ning trustfulness
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace:
Another year of gladness,
In the shining of Thy face.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise:
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love;
Another year of training,
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee!

—SELECTED.

District Executive Committee
Meets

The Executive of Canada District Luther League met at the home of the President, Rev. A. M. Vinge, Ryley, Alberta, Saturday, January 3rd, with all members present.

Plans were made for the bi-annual Convention, which will be held in Saskatoon, Sask., July 16th to 19th, 1942.

The theme, based on Ephesians 6:10—18, is "Onward Christian Soldiers".

Remember the Convention dates, and start making plans to attend.

Myrtle Engelstad, Sec.

Papers on the following sub-topics of the general theme "Broadcasting the Good Seed" had been planned for the meeting: 1) Beginning at Home; 2) Continuing Near Home; 3) Continuing by Tracts and Books; 4) Reaching the Unchurched (a) by Visiting, (b) by Radio; 5) To the Uttermost Parts By Prayer and Material Means. With the exception of (1) and (4) b, these topics were all presented and by the following women respectively: Mrs. E. Nelson, Granum, Mrs. Skippen, Calgary, Miss Otteson, Enchant, and Mrs. Berg, Claresholm.

A fine duet was rendered by Miss Arntsen and Miss Berg. The session was closed by the singing of a hymn and the reading of the Lord's prayer.

The evening program was opened by singing hymn No. 87, and by devotions conducted by Rev. Olson. A piano number by Mr. Larson, and a choir selection followed.

Mrs. Sorhus of Camrose, circuit Historian, gave a very interesting and enjoyable talk. Rev. Saugen gave the message for the installation of the officers, and the beautiful hymn, "Take My Life And Let It Be", was sung by Miss Arntsen. The next number on the program was a vocal duet by Miss Arntsen and Miss Corvin, after which Rev. Solheim, due to the lateness of the hour, spoke only a few words on the subject, "Faith and Life in the Church."

A hymn was sung, the W.M.F. offering was taken, and with the singing of the doxology and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Saugen, the very fine circuit meeting came to a close.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven". Matt. 5—16.

Mrs. A. Lind, Sec. Treas.

Stationery Donated

Grateful acknowledgment is here made of a generous gift of stationery to the district YPLL from the Dahl Publishing House of Winnipeg. As this company now has an electro of Luther's emblem in two colors, our circuits can now secure appropriate stationery from them.

S.L.B.I. Winter Term opens

The winter term of the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute opened with a service Tuesday evening, January 6. Pastor B. O. Lokensgard was guest speaker. At this writing (January 8) 50 students are in attendance. Of these 46 are from Saskatchewan, two from British Columbia, and one each from Montana and Minnesota.

Recognition Banquet for Former Executive Secretary Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker, former executive secretary of the International YPLL, will be honored at a banquet in Minneapolis Tuesday evening, January 27. It is not likely that anyone of our Canadian Leaguers will find it possible to attend. However, the executive committee of our district YPLL at its recent meeting decided to send an appropriate greeting from our Canada district to be read at that gathering.

The next evening Rev. Oscar C. Hanson will be officially inducted into his new position as executive secretary. An appropriate greeting will be sent to him likewise.

Copies of Greetings sent to Recognition Banquet, and Installation Service printed below

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Ryley, Alberta, Canada.

January 21, 1942.

Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker,
St. Paul Hotel,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Ylvisaker:

Since distances make it impossible for Canada District Luther League to be represented at the recognition banquet, the Canada District Executive, at a recent meeting voted to send a greeting by letter.

It is with thankfulness to God that we recall your valued services for our youth work in Canada. Many have been your contacts, and you spirit of helpfulness and inspiration will ever be gratefully remembered by Canadian leaguers.

Yours is the joy of a task well done, and a promotion to an even wider field of service in the Kingdom of God and His Christ.

The Lord bless your efforts in the extension of your cross-centered program in this hour of crisis.

Canada District Luther League

Albert M. Vinge
District President.

Ryley, Alberta, Canada,

January 21, 1942.

Pastor Oscar C. Hanson,
Executive Secretary
Young People's Luther League,
Luther Theological Seminary,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Pastor Hanson:

Canada District Luther League hereby desires to extend to you wishes for God's blessing in your new field of labor.

We gratefully recall your contacts with our district, your inspiring messages, and your valued friendship in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We pledge you our prayer support, and covet for you much deep and abiding joy in His blessed service.

When we, together, stand on the shores of eternity, may your contribution, under God, find many souls added to the Great White Host.

Canada District Luther League
Executive.

Albert M. Vinge
District President.